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Drop the charges against Sarah Wilkinson!

Pro-Palestine activist and journalist Sarah Wilkinson has been slammed with criminal terrorism charges for supporting resistance to genocide. Having just arrived back in Britain after detention by the Israeli state for participating in the Sumud Flotilla, she was charged on 5 October with supporting a proscribed organisation (Hamas), charges stemming from her arrest in August 2024.

Sarah Wilkinson has protested and reported on the crimes of Zionism for decades. The persecution of Wilkinson is of a piece with the state banning of Palestine Action, the arrests and prosecution of others including Mo Chara (Kneecap), journalist Richard Medhurst and countless more. Since taking office last year, the Starmer government has been on a mission to bludgeon into silence all outspoken protest against its pro-Zionist rule.

There is widespread support for pro-Palestine protesters and outrage at the government's dragnet. The outrage however is not co-ordinated and effective, but is expressed separately by many organisations and scattered over social media rather than wielded as one united front of protest. Most importantly, the Palestine movement and the working class share a common enemy in the British ruling class. To be effective, the defence of those victimised, like the pro-Palestine movement more broadly, must harness the anger—***and the power***—latent in the working class, which is fed up with decades of austerity.

Sarah Wilkinson will appear on 20 October at Westminster Magistrate's Court. Pro-Palestine protesters must mobilise to demand: ***Drop the charges now!***

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